

Hurricane Sandy Debris Removal/Debris Transportation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. I am an A901 licensed hauler or a NJ governmental agency and I need more trucks and/or drivers to collect and transport solid waste. What can I do?

A. Your agency or company can enter into leases with non-A901 licensed haulers, and a sample lease can be found at: http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/hwr/2011-2013_Lease_Attachment_Renewal.pdf

Please be aware that NJDEP has not waived its A901 licensing requirements, but we are quickly issuing temporary approvals to enlist the help of unlicensed haulers under the exclusive control and supervision of NJ governmental entities or A901 companies. NJDEP continues to encourage any entity entering into a lease to take the time to verify transporter compliance using the SAFER website maintained by USDOT to identify driver and/or vehicle concerns AND verify that these haulers have proper vehicle registrations & insurance/liability coverage.

Q. I have a truck and want to help with the hurricane cleanup, but I am not licensed or registered with NJDEP as a waste transporter - what can I do?

A. You have 3 options:

1) You may apply for a temporary A-901 approval – but you must meet the criteria listed in the “A-901 Temporary Approval” guidelines that are posted on the Hurricane Sandy website:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/>

Filing this application package (disclosures) requires some time, and **there is a minimum filing fee of \$1,235 for the application**, along with other filings and fees associated with registering equipment if you are approved;

2) You may contact a public entity (e.g. township, city, or municipality) to work as a subcontractor under them through a lease agreement and be under the exclusive control and supervision of the public entity; or

3) Subject to the following requirements, you may work as a subcontractor for an A-901 approved company. If you do so, you must have proper insurance and liability coverage and experience in the waste industry. Please be advised that as a subcontractor - you would be working for the town or an A-901 license holder under their exclusive control and supervision, and therefore you **cannot** solicit solid waste work on your own. A list of approved A-901 transporters is available on NJDEP’s Hurricane Sandy website.

Q. I already have exempt A901 decals, and I am performing demolition. Is this type of work within the scope of my self-generator permit?

A. Yes, since you will be creating the waste. You are not authorized to haul away any debris other than the waste you create. If your customer has storm debris that needs to be taken away, they should contact their town or hire an A901 licensed hauler.

Q. I have an A901 license but I need additional decals – what do I do?

A. Go to NJDEP's Hurricane Sandy website to download the temporary vehicle registration form and follow the instructions to submit to NJDEP's Solid Waste Registration Unit.

Q. Did the State of NJ or NJDEP waive its requirements for the A901 license and Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CPCN) during this State of Emergency?

A. No, but you may apply for a temporary A-901 approval – You must meet the criteria listed in the “Temporary A-901 & CPCN Approval Process for Non-Hazardous Solid Waste Only” guidelines. If met, you must follow the instructions on pg. 2, and file the appropriate disclosure packages. Please be aware that the minimum filing fee of \$1,235 for the application. If approved, your company will receive a temporary authorization approval, and then apply and obtain decals for all equipment from our Licensing & Registration www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/hwr/regislic/lru.htm (download form: Solid Waste Transporter - Initial Application)

Q. Our company already submitted a standard A-901 application prior to Hurricane Sandy. Can I ask to expedite this request to receive temporary A901 approval to collect and transport storm debris?

A. Yes, if your company has a pending A901 application under review by the Attorney General's Office, you can contact them at (609) 292-6018 and advise them you want to be considered for a temporary A901 license to assist with the removal of storm related debris.

Q. I am a homeowner and want to use my personal vehicle to transport storm related solid waste and debris from my home to an approved solid waste disposal facility. Is this allowed?

A. Yes, only if your vehicle is registered and displays passenger motor vehicle license plates, **and** has a gross weight less than 9,000 pounds, or if combined with a trailer the gross vehicle weight is less than 16,000 pounds – you may then

transport your solid waste to the disposal facility in this passenger vehicle and **pay the appropriate disposal fees at the facility**. If your vehicle displays commercial motor vehicle license plates - you must apply for an NJDEP self-generator permit by registering and obtaining decals from NJDEP's Licensing & Registration unit. Download form: Solid Waste Transporter - Initial Application www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/hwr/regislic/lru.htm